



April 2006

## ADAMS SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL COMPLETED

photos by Robert Rael

I was pleased to join with the Normal Heights community on March 30th to celebrate the completion of the Adams Safe Routes to School project.

For the past two months, the city's contractor, New Century Construction, has been busy installing the infrastructure improvements that aim to provide safer crossings for students and pedestrians at seven intersections.

This very active block, that is bounded by Hawley Boulevard, Adams Avenue, 35<sup>th</sup> Street and Madison Avenue, includes a recreation center, church, preschool, businesses, Adams Elementary School, a ballfield, the Normal Heights Community Center, and on occasion, two street festivals, a carnival and other very well-attended public events.



Councilmember Atkins and Adams Elementary School students use one of seven new crosswalks.



Councilmember Atkins joined community members, city staff, and Adams Elementary School students and their principal and vice principal (above) to mark the completion of the Adams Safe Routes to School project in Normal Heights.

In addition to providing a safer pedestrian environment for our students, the project also helped rehabilitate old, deteriorated sidewalk corners at these seven intersections. A Safe Routes to School state grant provided the \$480,000 to complete this infrastructure improvement project.

The project also includes "ladder" crosswalks at seven intersections, new signage, pedestrian ramps and pedestrian intersection pop-outs to reduce the crossing distance at two intersections. There was also enough money in the grant to fund sidewalk replacement adjacent to the project.

Infrastructure in our older, urban communities is a priority for me, whether it be streetlights, undergrounding of overhead utility wires or the replacement of deteriorated sidewalks. These are important projects that help to improve the quality of life for all who live, work, and play here in Normal Heights.

I want to thank and commend the Normal Heights community associations and individuals that have shepherded this project throughout the process. The community collaboration is what made this a reality.

I want to also thank city staffers Lara Gates, Tom Romstad and Marlon Pangilinan for working

on the project and writing the grant for it back in 2001, as well as Jamal Batta, a project manager with Engineering and Capital Projects, and field engineer Renato Schaffer.

The construction completion celebration was made possible by co-sponsors Adams Avenue Business Association, Adams Recreation Council, Normal Heights Planning Committee, and Adams Elementary School.



A newly painted crosswalk at the School Street and Hawley Boulevard intersection.

## **'NORTH PARK REBUILDING TOGETHER' KICKS OFF; EVENT ON APRIL 29**

The kickoff for North Park Rebuilding Together took place on March 22nd at the Lafayette Hotel and Suites. The meeting was an opportunity for community members to hear the details about North Park Rebuilding Together Day, learn more about the house they'll be rehabbing as part of the day's events, and meet the home's owner, a longtime resident of North Park and dedicated community volunteer.

The North Park Rebuilding Together event will take place on Saturday, April 29, 2006. This is the second North Park home to be rehabbed by Rebuilding Together, and the first to be done with the assistance of the local community association.

Rebuilding Together San Diego is a local affiliate of the largest national volunteer home rehabilitation organization in America. This non-profit, grassroots organization, in partnership with sponsors, in-kind donors and volunteers aids the elderly, disabled and low-income families in our community who own their homes. Because of age, physical limitations and low or fixed incomes, these families are not able to address their housing repairs themselves.

To volunteer or to get more information on how to place a home on the list to be rehabbed, call Pam Thorsch at (619) 231-7873.

## **EL CAJON BOULEVARD MEDIAN PROJECT RESUMES WORK**

After several months of work stoppage, work on the El Cajon Boulevard median project between Texas and 30th streets has resumed.

It will take four to six weeks for the irrigation, ground cover and street tree landscaping to be completed. Two upgraded signal lights at the intersections of Oregon and Utah streets will also be installed, along with the replacement of street lights in the center median that will complete the project.



When finished, the medians will connect with those already thriving east of 30th Street.

I want to thank the community for their patience throughout this project, which has seen its share of challenges. I look forward to joining with the community to celebrate its completion in the near future.

## **HILLCREST SIDEWALKS COMPLETED ON UNIVERSITY AVENUE**

I'm pleased to announce that after several months of steady construction and parking disruption, new sidewalks in a busy, pedestrian-oriented part of Hillcrest have been completed.

I want to offer my deepest thanks to the businesses and property owners who front the reconstructed sidewalks for their patience and understanding throughout this process. The old sidewalks on the 1200 and 1400 blocks of University Avenue were demolished and replaced with new sidewalks, curbs and gutters.

Along with the new sidewalks, four acorn street lights in the 1400 block of University Avenue and two cross drains at the intersection of Vermont and Richmond streets were added to facilitate drainage. Additionally, the Hillcrest Association has planted street trees and is completing the ground cover landscaping at two planters at this intersection.

The public is invited to join the Hillcrest community for a dedication of the project on Thursday, April 27, 2006, on the 1400 block of University Avenue at 4 p.m.

## **TALMADGE TO CELEBRATE FIREWISE STATUS AT CEREMONY APRIL 27**

I'm proud to report that Talmadge has completed the long process of becoming a "fire safe" community. I'd like to invite the community to join me and Talmadge community members on Thursday, April 27, 2006, at 2:30 p.m. to celebrate this achievement. The ceremony will be held at 4724 Caroline Drive.

A few of the attendees who have confirmed are San Diego Fire Chief Jeff Bowman, Deputy Chief Sam Oates, Fire Marshall Eddite Villaviecenio, California Department of Fire San Diego Unit Chief Charles Maner, Battalion Chief Chris Anderson and Chief Tom Hoffman.

The Firewise Communities/USA program is designed to provide an effective management approach to preserve wildland living aesthetics. The program can be tailored for adoption by any community and/or neighborhood association that is committed to ensuring its residents maximum protection from wildland fire.



## DONATION HELPS KEEP CITY HEIGHTS COMMUNITY POOL OPEN

I want to express my deepest appreciation to the San Diego Revitalization Corporation (SDRC) for generously donating \$40,585 to the City of San Diego to allow the City Heights Community Pool to remain open until June 30, 2006—the end of the city's current fiscal year. Thanks to the efforts of the SDRC—working in partnership with my office—we have been able to keep the pool open without a decrease in hours.

The funds donated by SDRC supplement the \$27,600 in District Three Proposition



The City Heights Community Pool will be able to remain open under its regularly scheduled hours thanks to a generous donation from the San Diego Revitalization Corporation.

40 (Safe Neighborhood Parks, Clean Water, Clean Air, and Coastal Protection Act of 2002) moneys that I allocated earlier this year which kept the pool open for five additional weeks. The pool had originally been scheduled to close on March 5, 2006.

Please keep in mind, however, that the City Heights Community Pool will be closed for previously scheduled maintenance repairs from April 10 to April 23, 2006.

## LA MAESTRA HEART OF THE COMMUNITY CAPITAL CAMPAIGN UNDERWAY

Last month I had an opportunity to take part in an event hosted by the La Maestra Community Health Centers as they celebrated their land purchase and launched their \$10 million capital campaign to build a state-of-the-art community health center at Fairmount Avenue and University Avenue in City Heights.

The land purchase represents a significant commitment by La Maestra for the new health facility.

While City Heights is a community with extraordinary diversity—a refuge for so many around the world who have been relocated there—it is also a dynamic mixture of 100 blocks of neighborhoods where many of the residents are

struggling to survive and to make sense of our city's employment, housing, education and healthcare systems. For these reasons, this project is crucial to the residents of City Heights, to the healthcare community and to the San Diego region as a whole.

We will all need to lend a hand and work together to find the resources needed to make this dream of building a new community health facility a reality.

For more information regarding the Community Campaign, please contact Theresa Bagg, La Maestra Community Health Centers' Director of Resource Development at (619) 578-2587 or via e-mail: [tbagg@lamaestra.org](mailto:tbagg@lamaestra.org).

The City Council has chosen the newly renovated North Park

## NORTH PARK THEATRE CHOSEN AS SITE OF EVENING COUNCIL BUDGET MEETING ON APRIL 26

Theatre as the site for its April 26 evening community budget meeting. The site was chosen because of its central location with easy freeway access for residents across the city and its proximity to the large parking structure across the street.

The meeting will run from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m and will include a short presentation by the mayor and/or his financial management team, followed by public comment. The meeting is technically a noticed and previously scheduled meeting of the council's Budget and Finance Committee, however the entire City Council will be in attendance.

The North Park Theatre is located at 29<sup>th</sup> Street and University Avenue. A parking garage is located across the street to the east of the theater at 29<sup>th</sup> Street and North Park Way. The city has negotiated a flat public rate of \$2 per vehicle for that night's meeting.

This is the perfect opportunity for members of the public

to offer their input to the mayor and council on budget priorities for the coming fiscal year.

### Scheduled Budget Hearings

**Wed., April 19:** General public comment; Council Chambers, 202 C Street, 12th floor; 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

**Wed., April 26** (see above story)

**Wed., May 3:** Overview and public comment on selected departments including Parks and Recreation, Library, Community and Economic Development; Council Chambers, 202 C Street, 12th floor; 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. and 2:00 - 6:00 p.m.

**Thurs., May 4:** Overview and public comment on selected departments including Public Safety, TOT/ Special Promotions, other departments as requested; Council Chambers, 202 C Street, 12th floor; 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. and 2:00 - 6:00 p.m.

**Fri., May 5:** Unfinished overview and public comment from previous two days' hearings; Council Chambers, 202 C Street, 12th Floor; 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

## WORKSHOPS ON SMART GROWTH IN THE SAN DIEGO REGION

The San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG) has prepared a Regional Comprehensive Plan (RCP), and it is now in the public review phase.

The RCP calls for the preparation of a Smart Growth Concept Map to identify locations that can support smart growth and transportation investments. The map will be used for refining the regional transit network, and for identifying other transportation needs during the 2007 comprehensive update of the Regional Transportation Plan next year. The map will also be used to determine eligibility to compete for future TransNet Smart Growth Incentive Program funding.

I encourage you to attend a public workshop to consider locations where smart growth can work and discuss transportation improvements needed to support it.

For more information, contact Marissa Hampton at (619) 699-7336 or e-mail at [RCP@sandag.org](mailto:RCP@sandag.org).

The plan is available on the SANDAG website:

<http://www.sandag.org/index.asp?projectid=294&fuseaction=projects.detail>



### RCP Public Review Dates

**Tuesday, April 4, 2006: 6:00 - 8:30 p.m.**

Del Mar Powerhouse Community Center  
1658 Coast Boulevard  
Del Mar, CA 92014

**Thursday, April 6, 2006:**

**6:00 - 8:30 p.m.**

South County Regional  
Education Center  
800 National City Boulevard  
National City, CA 91950

**Tuesday, April 11, 2006: 6:00 - 8:30 p.m.**

Kearny Mesa Recreation Center  
3170 Armstrong Street  
San Diego, CA 92111

**Monday, April 17, 2006: 6:00 - 8:30 p.m.**

La Mesa Community Center  
4975 Memorial Drive  
La Mesa, CA 91941

**Wed, April 19, 2006: 11:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.**

Balboa Park Club - Ballroom  
2150 Pan American Road West  
San Diego, CA 92101

## NATIONAL POETRY WEEK CELEBRATION AT CITY HEIGHTS LIBRARY PERFORMANCE ANNEX APRIL 21

### EVENT IS PART OF SAN DIEGO LIBRARY'S CONTINUING 'ENTRE NOUS SHOWCASE'

In celebration of National Poetry Month in April, the City of San Diego Public Library's "Entre Nous Showcase" program will feature readings by several local poets and writers, including library staff members. "Words & Rhymes" will be held at the Performance Annex of the City Heights/Weingart Branch Library on Friday, April 21, at 7:30 p.m.

Inaugurated by the Academy of American Poets in 1996, National Poetry Month brings together libraries, publishers, booksellers, literary organizations, schools and poets around the country to celebrate poetry and its vital place in American culture.

Those featured at the library's "Words & Rhymes" event will include James Bliesner, Jihmye Collins, Jennifer Geran, Kim Noriega, Kim Schmidt and Bobbie West. There will also be music by Marsha Forman and Michael Figgins.

Entre Nous Showcase is a variety series that spotlights the hidden artistic talents of staff members of the San Diego Public Library each month through July 2006. Donations are accepted and will go toward youth programs at libraries.

The Performance Annex is located behind the City Heights/Weingart Branch Library, 3795 Fairmount Ave. For more information contact the library's Performance Annex at (619) 641-6103.

## KPBS TO AIR DOCUMENTARY ON CITY HEIGHTS

What are the challenges in crafting a vibrant urban village from an ethnically, culturally and economically diverse population? *California and the American Dream: The Price of Renewal* examines complex issues of community development, philanthropy and civic engagement by chronicling the long-term redevelopment of an older, once-deteriorating neighborhood called City Heights, often referred to as the Ellis Island of San Diego.



The Weingart City Heights Branch Library stands as a shining example of the positive aspects of the redevelopment that has occurred in City Heights over the past decade.

The film probes both the potential and the pitfalls of public/private partnerships in addressing the problems of inner city decay, as well as the thorny questions raised by the gentrification of multicultural urban neighborhoods.

*California and the American Dream, a four-part series, airs on KPBS beginning Thursday, April 13 at 10 p.m. Episode 2: The Price of Renewal premieres Thursday, April 20 at 10 p.m.*

## COUNCIL ACCEPTS \$3 MILLION HUD GRANT FOR LEAD ABATEMENT

The City Council unanimously approved the acceptance of a \$3 million HUD grant for lead abatement and a \$2.4 million transfer of funds reserved for future years' lead hazard work from a reserve fund set up from a previous HUD lead grant.

The three-year grant program will be used for the city's Lead Safe Neighborhoods Program. This will result in remediation of lead hazards in approximately 225 owner-occupied and rental residential units affordable to households earning 80 percent or less of area median income and having occupancy of families with children younger than 6 years of age.

This is an extension of the city's previous HUD grant from 2003-2005, which eliminated lead hazards in 167 owner-occupied and rental units. While the original grant focused on neighborhoods in District 8, the new program will be implemented citywide.

After being ingested, lead enters the bloodstream and is absorbed and stored in many tissues and organs in the body, including the liver, kidneys, brain, teeth and bones. High levels of lead can cause serious health problems in children, and can affect almost every organ system of the body. Most children don't show symptoms, so they should be screened regularly if they are at risk for lead ingestion.

Lead paint remediation grants will be available for up to \$15,000 per single-family residence and \$7,500 per multi-family unit, plus \$10,000 for common areas within a multi-family project. Partners include the MAAC Project, Mid-City CAN and the city's Environmental Protection Division.

## TREE RE-PLANTING ON GOLDEN HILL PLANNING COMMITTEE AGENDA

The city's Urban Forester, Drew Potocki, along with representatives from SDG&E, will be attending April's Greater Golden Hill Planning Committee meeting to discuss the recent tree removals and to work with the community on the upcoming tree replacements.

The meeting, which is open to the public, will be held on Wednesday, April 12, 2006, at 6:30 p.m. at the Balboa Golf Course Clubhouse on Golf Course Drive.



## YWCA SEEKING GIFT CARDS TO PROVIDE ESSENTIALS FOR RESIDENTS IN DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND HOMELESS SHELTERS

The YWCA of San Diego is soliciting Target and Wal-Mart gift cards to support the purchase of essentials, such as new undergarments, for the residents in their domestic violence and homeless shelters. Items needed include socks, undershirts, etc.



To donate a gift card to this very worthy cause, please contact Caitlyn McTaggart at (619) 239-0355 ext. 250, or [cmctaggart@ywcasandiego.org](mailto:cmctaggart@ywcasandiego.org).



## SAN DIEGO MUSEUM OF ART HONORED AS IT CELEBRATES 80 YEARS IN BALBOA PARK



Mayor Sanders and Councilmember Atkins joined (l to r) Museum of Art Board President Jerry Horton, 80th Anniversary honoree Lois Roon, and Executive Director Derrick Cartwright at the museum's 80th birthday celebration.

SDMA is located in Balboa Park, the cultural heart of San Diego. The museum's 80th birthday will be celebrated by a series of events for the next year and will include a diverse array of activities, performances, special exhibits, a black-tie gala, and interactive art-making activities that will help visitors grow in understanding and appreciation of fine art.

For more information on the year-long celebration and activities, go to the San Diego Museum of Art's website at [www.sdmart.org](http://www.sdmart.org).

I had the opportunity to join the San Diego Museum of Art (SDMA) on February 28th to celebrate the museum's 80th birthday. I was joined by Mayor Jerry Sanders to present a resolution recognizing the event.

The Mayor and I re-presented the resolution before the San Diego City Council on March 21st. On both occasions we were joined by SDMA Board President Jerry Horton and Executive Director Derrick Cartwright.

Councilmember Atkins and Mayor Sanders presented Museum of Art Board President Jerry Horton and Executive Director Derrick Cartwright a council resolution proclaiming February 28, 2006, to be "The San Diego Museum of Art Day" in the City of San Diego.



## METROPOLITAN TRANSIT SYSTEM APPROVES COMPREHENSIVE OPERATIONAL ANALYSIS



(left) More than 200 speakers offered input on MTS routes at the three public hearings held as part of the Comprehensive Operational Analysis.

On March 23rd, the Metropolitan Transit System approved a comprehensive evaluation of the San Diego region's transit routes in an effort to completely restructure the bus system to create an urban network between regional hubs. This process, called the Comprehensive Operational Analysis (COA), relied on a thorough examination of MTS' entire system that undertook a careful route-by-route and stop-by-stop review in an attempt to make the system serve the largest number of riders possible while still operating within the constraints of a dwindling budget. The final plan produced efficiencies that are expected to both save money and increase ridership by an estimated 14,000 passengers per day.

Some bus routes in District 3 neighborhoods will increase in frequency to every 15 minutes from twice per hour. In other areas, bus routes that have fewer riders have been cut or replaced by alternate routes.

(right) As a member of the MTS executive board, Councilmember Atkins listened to public testimony as part of the Comprehensive Operational Analysis.



As might be expected any time a vital public service such as the bus system is overhauled, the plan was welcomed by some and met with disappointment by others. MTS staff analyzed the concerns and suggestions of hundreds of speakers who testified at three public hearings about the changes, and was able to find solutions for many of the issues that were brought forward. In District 3, I was able to work with MTS staff to preserve the Route 965 shuttle through North Park, and to provide continued express bus service to downtown from City Heights.

The new routes will begin to go into effect in mid-June of this year. As a member of the MTS executive board of directors, I will monitor the changes to see if further refinements or improvements can be made.

Log on to <http://coa.sdmts.com> to see how individual bus routes will be affected.

## FRIENDS OF THE KENSINGTON/NORMAL HEIGHTS LIBRARY HONOR FOURTH GRADE ESSAY CONTEST WINNERS

On Thursday, April 6, 2006, at 6 p.m. at the Kensington/Normal Heights Library, the Friends of the Library is hosting an awards ceremony for the winners of their fourth grade essay writing contest. All schools that the library services were involved in the essay writing contest, which gave students three library- and book-related topics to choose from.

The fourth grader honorees are Nathan Lee from Mt. Everest Academy, Timothy Shen, Javier Gonzalez-Cazares and Jamie Steckbeck from St. Didicus Parish School, Ashley Dominguez from Adams Elementary School and Vina Nguyen Le and unique Wilson from Franklin Elementary School.

I'm honored to have been asked to present the winners with their awards. I will also be giving them special Third District commendations.

The library is located at 4121 Adams Avenue at the corner of Marlborough Avenue.



## PLANNING FOR NORMAL HEIGHTS CENTENNIAL UNDERWAY

The Normal Heights Cultural Council, in collaboration with the Normal Heights Community Association, the Normal Heights Planning Committee and the Adams Avenue Business Association, is organizing a celebration to commemorate the upcoming Normal Heights Centennial.



The community's 100th anniversary occurs on May 9, 2006, and will be celebrated at a community dinner that evening provided free of charge to residents. The dinner program will feature a presentation devoted to historic information and oral histories about the Normal Heights community.

In conjunction with the neighborhood's upcoming Roots Festival (April 22nd and 23rd) and the 25th annual Adams Avenue Street Fair (September 23rd and 24th), other Centennial plans include commemorative items, street banners and a time capsule.

## NORTH PARK TOWN HALL MEETING SATURDAY, APRIL 8

A North Park Town Hall meeting will take place on Saturday, April 8, 2006, from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. at the Stephen and Mary Birch North Park Theatre at 2891 University Avenue.

This is a great opportunity for North Park residents to meet their neighbors and learn about exciting new projects happening in North Park.

Those in attendance will also learn more about the North Park Maintenance Assessment District (MAD) and how it is working for a better, more beautiful North Park. MAD board members need your input as plans for North Park's future maintenance needs move forward.



## HOMELESS CAMPS TARGETED IN UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS

I was happy to receive words of encouragement from University Heights residents regarding Alpha Project's recent homeless outreach efforts in that neighborhood's canyons. A representative from Alpha Project, along with community leader Nan McGraw, took a close look at the Vermont Street Bridge area, between the State Route 163 onramp and Washington Street, spotting homeless camps that were hidden from view at street level.

An Alpha Project representative assured Nan that they could help with the problem, and the city's Environmental Services Department will join in the effort. Community leader Beth Jaworski reported that she spotted the Alpha team van and an Environmental Services truck near her home, waiting to rendezvous with the police to direct them to the homeless camps so eviction notices could be served.

# UPCOMING DISTRICT THREE STREET FAIRS, PARADES, CONCERTS AND FESTIVALS

## Adams Avenue Roots and Folk Festival

Adams Avenue between Felton Street and 35th Street  
Saturday, April 22; 10am to 9pm  
Sunday, April 23; 10am to 6pm  
Contact: 619/282-7329

## Earth Fair

Balboa Park  
Sunday, April 23; 10am to 5pm  
Contact: 858/272-7370 or [www.earthdayweb.org](http://www.earthdayweb.org)

## Old House Fair

30th Street and Beech Street, South Park  
Saturday, June 17; 10am to 5pm  
Contact: 619/233-6679

## North Park Festival of the Arts

University Avenue between 30th Street and 32nd Street  
Sunday, May 21; 10am to 6pm  
Contact: 619/294-2501

## City Heights International Village Celebration

University Avenue between Fairmount Ave. and Euclid Ave.  
Saturday, June 3; 11am to 6pm  
Contact: 619/584-1535

## 19th Annual International Summer Organ Festival

Through August 29th  
Monday evenings at 7:30pm; Free admission  
Spreckels Organ Pavilion, Balboa Park  
**June 19** – Opening Night: Carol Williams, Civic Organist with Virginia Sublett, soprano; Kathleen Helm, soprano  
**June 26** – Diane Bish, international television personality  
**July 3** – Robert Plimpton, San Diego Civic Organist emeritus; Patricia McAfee, soprano  
**July 10** – Janette Fishell & Colin Andrews, organ duo  
**July 17** – Donald MacKenzie, theater organist  
**July 24** – Richard Elliott, Tabernacle organist and accompanist for the Mormon Tabernacle Choir  
**July 31** – Movie Night with Dennis James  
**August 7** – Paul Jacobs, concert organist  
**August 14** – Ray Cornils, Municipal Organist, Portland, Maine  
**August 21** – Stephen Tharp, concert organist  
**August 29** (Tuesday) – *Grand Finale – An Evening with George Gerswhin*  
Carol Williams, Civic Organist; Clark Sterling, vocal; Michael Morgan, bass

## North Park Community Association

### Bird Park Summer Concert Series

Saturdays, 5:30 to 7:30pm: Free admission  
July 1, 15, 29; August 5, 19; September 2  
Participating bands to be announced.  
For more information, go to:  
[www.npcasummerconcerts.org](http://www.npcasummerconcerts.org)

## University Heights CDC's

### Summer In The Park Concert Series

Trolley Barn Park, Adams Avenue and Florida Street  
Friday evenings, 6 to 8pm, Free admission  
**July 7** – Upstream (reggae; calypso and soca)  
**July 14** – Len Rainey and The Midnight Players (blues and jazz)  
**July 21** – Nitro Express, (classic country; swing, rhythm & blues)  
**July 28** – The Bigfellas (cabaret; hip hop; country & rock)  
**August 4** – Lady Dotti and The Diamonds (blues & jazz)  
**August 11** – Clyde and The Moonlighters ("oldie" favorites)  
**August 18** – Sue Palmer (boogie-woogie & swing)  
Contact: 619/297-3166

## LGBT Pride Rally, Parade, and Festival

**Rally:** Pride Festival Main Stage, Juniper Street and Balboa Drive: Friday, July 28; 7:00pm  
**Parade:** Hillcrest, University Ave. between Normal Street and Sixth Avenue: Saturday, July 29; 11am  
**Festival:** Balboa Park at Sixth Ave. and Juniper St.: Sat., July 29; Noon to 10pm, Sun., July 30; 11am to 8pm  
Contact: 619/297-7683

## CityFest

Hillcrest, Fifth Ave. between University Ave. and Upas St.  
Sunday, August 13; 10am to 7pm  
Contact: 619/299-3330

## Adams Avenue Street Fair

Adams Avenue between Felton Street and 35th Street  
Saturday, September 23; 10am to 9pm  
Sunday, September 24; 10am to 6pm  
Contact: 619/282-7329

## AIDS Walk

Balboa Park, Sixth Avenue and Quince Street  
Sunday, Oct. 1; 8am to Noon  
Contact: 619/291-9255



# DISTRICT THREE IMPORTANT INFORMATION

## MONTHLY DISTRICT THREE PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETINGS

### Balboa Park Committee

Santa Fe Room of the Balboa Park Club (Off Presidents Way west of Park Blvd.)

Meets the first Thursday of the month, 6:30pm

Contact: Darlene Davies, chair: ddavies@mail.sdsu.edu

### City Heights Planning Committee

Metro Career Center, Community Room, 3910 University Avenue

Meets the first Monday of the Month, 6:30pm

Contact: Jim Varnadore, Chair, 619/280-3910.

### Greater Golden Hill Planning Committee (GGHPC)

Balboa Golf Course Clubhouse, Golden Hill

Meets the second Wednesday of the month, 6:30pm

Contact: Patricia Shields, Chair, (619) 295-1374.

### Greater North Park Community Planning Committee

North Park Christian Fellowship, Second Floor, 2901 North Park Way

Meets the third Tuesday of the month, 6:30pm.

Contact: John McGaughy, Chair, (619) 574-1135, or jstewardstudios@aol.com

### Kensington/Talmadge Planning Group

Kensington Community Church, 4773 Marlborough Drive

Meets the second Wednesday of the month, 6:30pm.

Contact: Fred Lindahl, Chair, 619/287-3157.

### Normal Heights Community Planning Group

4649 Hawley Boulevard

Meets the first Tuesday of the month, 6:00pm

Contact: Judy Elliot, Chair, 619/563-5473.

### Uptown Planners

Joyce Beers Community Center, 1230 Cleveland Ave. in the Uptown District

Meets the first Tuesday of the month, 6:30pm

Contact: Leo Wilson, Chair, 619/574-0109.

## How To Contact Us

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## MONTHLY BUSINESS ASSOCIATION MEETINGS

### Adams Avenue Business Association

4649 Hawley Boulevard

Meets the first Tuesday of the month, 7:30am

Contact: 619/282-7329

### City Heights Business Association

Board meetings: second Wednesday of every month at 8am at the Metro Career Center Community Room, 3910 University Avenue.

Mailing Address: P.O. Box 5588, San Diego, CA 92165

Phone: 619/516-2282

### El Cajon Blvd. Business Improvement Association

3727 El Cajon Boulevard

Meets the second Thursday of the month, 11:30am

Contact: 619/283-3608

### Hillcrest Association

Joyce Beers Community Center, 1230 Cleveland Ave. in the Uptown District

Meets the second Tuesday of the month, 5:00pm

Contact: 619/299-3330.

### North Park Main Street

3076 University Avenue

Meets the second Wednesday of the month, 7:00am

## COMMUNITY RELATIONS OFFICERS

Rick Castro (City Heights East) -- 619/515-2733

Rick Edgil (Hillcrest, North Park, University Heights) -- 619/291-1729

Richard Fox (Normal Heights, Kensington/Talmadge) -- 619/531-2815

Gary Gonzales (Golden Hill, South Park) -- 619/744-9500

Pat Norris (Fairmount Park) -- 619/531-1515

Jim Tulumello (City Heights West) -- 619/516-3009

## MONTHLY REDEVELOPMENT MEETINGS

### City Heights Project Area Committee

Metro Career Center, Community Room, 3910 University Ave.

Meets the second Monday of the month, 6pm

Contact: Karen Bucey, Chair, 619/957-5818.

### North Park Project Area Committee

California Nat'l Bank, 3180 University Ave., 2nd Floor

Meets the second Tuesday of the month, 7:00pm

Contact: Roger Lewis, Chair, at 619/881-8977,

or the city staff member at 619/533-5284.

## District Three Staff

**Denise Price**, Chief of Staff.

**George Biagi**, Director of Communications; LGBT community liaison; HIV/AIDS issues; Community Development Block Grants; Chargers/Qualcomm Stadium; newsletter; webpage.

**April Chesebro**, Council Representative to Kensington, Talmadge, South Park, Golden Hill and University Heights; African-American community liaison; homeless issues.

**Daisy Gordon Crompton**, Committee Consultant to the Committee on Budget and Finance; housing issues.

**Stephen Hill**, Policy Advisor/Council Representative to Balboa Park; environment, libraries, arts and culture, land use citywide; MSCP, Transit Occupancy Tax, water issues, military/veterans issues.

**Pam Ison**, Council Representative to City Heights; liaison to Asian/Pacific Islander community; City Heights redevelopment; school liaison and education issues; women's, youth, and Americans With Disabilities Act (ADA) issues.

**Cheli Mohamed**, Executive Assistant to Councilmember Atkins and Chief of Staff Denise Price.

**Monica Pelaez**, Council Representative to North Park; liaison to the Latino community; Council docket coordinator; Police Department liaison and public safety issues; Fire and Life Safety Services liaison; senior issues.

**Jeffery Tom**, Council Representative to Uptown, Hillcrest and Normal Heights; infrastructure, citywide business issues, energy, telecommunications, Metropolitan Transit System, SANDAG transportation, BID Council.

## District Three Community/Neighborhood Meetings

### City Heights

Azalea Park Neighborhood Association: Meets the second Tuesday of the month at 2596 Violet Street at 6:30pm. Contact: [info@azaleapark.org](mailto:info@azaleapark.org)

Cherokee Point Neighborhood Association: Meets the fourth Wednesday at 6:30pm, Cherokee Point Elementary School, 3735 38th Street. Contact: 619/285-1611.

City Heights Community Development Corporation: Meets the second Thursday of each month at 6pm at 4283 El Cajon Boulevard. 619/584-1535.

Fairmount Park Neighborhood Association: Meets the third Thursday of the month at 3850 Westgate Place at 6:30pm. Contact: [FairmountPark92105@yahoo.com](mailto:FairmountPark92105@yahoo.com).

San Diego Model School Development Agency: Meets the fourth Thursday of each month at 10:00am at the Metro Career Center, 3910 University Avenue. For more information call Robin Allen at 619/578-7537, or check out [www.sdmodelschool.net](http://www.sdmodelschool.net).

Swan Canyon: Meets the third Wednesday of the month at 3120 Euclid Avenue at 6:30 p.m. Contact Becky at [rebecca@bairfinancial.com](mailto:rebecca@bairfinancial.com).

Teralta West Neighborhood Alliance: Meets every first and third Thursday of the month at 4286 Marlborough Street at 6:30pm. Contact: 619/281-3551.

### Golden Hill

Greater Golden Hill Community Development Corporation (GGHCDC): Meetings are held the third Thursday of each month at 6:30pm at the Balboa Park Golf Course Clubhouse. Contact: 619/696-9992

### Kensington

The Kensington/Talmadge Community Association: Meets every third Wednesday at the Kensington Community Church, 4773 Marlborough Drive, beginning at 7pm. (dinner for a reasonable price is served prior)

### Normal Heights

Normal Heights Cultural Council: Meets the third Thursday of each month from 6:00pm-7:30pm at 4649 Hawley Boulevard.

### North Park

Altadena Neighborhood Association: Board meetings are the first Wednesday of the month at Santos Coffee at Thorn and 32nd streets. Contact: 619/280-6662.

Burlingame Neighborhood Association: Meets the second Wednesday of the month at 7:00pm at different locations each month. Contact: [dbyrne4bna@cox.net](mailto:dbyrne4bna@cox.net).

North Park Community Association: Meets the fourth Thursday of each month at 6pm at North Park Christian Fellowship Church, 2901 North Park Way.

### South Park

The South Park Action Council: Meetings are held bi-weekly on Mondays at 6:00 p.m. and last one hour. For information, e-mail Co-Chairs: Samantha Keenan at [samkeen@cox.net](mailto:samkeen@cox.net) or Connie McDonough at [conniemcdonough@cox.net](mailto:conniemcdonough@cox.net).

### Talmadge

The Kensington/Talmadge Community Association (see Kensington)

The Talmadge Community Council (TCC): Meets every third Tuesday at 4725 Lucille Drive beginning at 6:30pm.

### University Heights

The University Heights Community Development Corporation (CDC): Meets on the first Wednesday of the month at the CDC office located at 4452 Park Blvd, Suite 104, at 6:30pm.

The University Heights Crime Watch and Neighborhood Association: Meets on the first Thursday of the month at Alice Birney School Auditorium, 4345 Campus Avenue. Crime Watch at 6:30pm; UHNA at 7:00pm

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